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Editorial Comment

THE FARMER'S PROBLEM
From the Editor's Desk

It appears that the commission charged with recommending a site for the permanent headquarters of the United Nations Office has decided on the general area of northeastern portion of the United States, and that the particular location most highly favored is Hyde Park region of New York. We do not know the physical facilities offered at Hyde Park, but surely for sentimental reasons it would be ideal to locate the site at a place so long associated with the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A CHALLENGE MET
From the Editor's Desk

America's farmers can take a justified pride in Secretary of Agriculture Anderson's announcement that their 1945 crop, now that all returns are in, has turned out to be the third largest on record. This was a year in which a large part of the world looked to the American farmer to help save it from starvation. In addition to meeting the needs of this country and millions of our men in uniform overseas, the farmer was asked to supply a portion of the food requirements of tens of millions of other nations. Virtually every nation in Europe was on ration rations. The winter just now beginning promised to be terrible unless the farmhands of the United States could produce the substantial surplus to ship abroad.

From the very start of the season, the farmer was faced with one obstacle after another as he buckled down to meet this challenge. The spring brought damaging frosts and the days of our youth when our country which delayed planting and destroyed some crops. Shortages of labor, machinery and supplies, plagued agriculture all through the year. Heavy rains delayed the fields in the fall during the summer months and unseasonably early frosts this fall, and shortages of labor and machinery added to the farmer's difficulties.

Despite all these handicaps the men and women responsible for growing America's food supply have done a stunning job. While some crops have been undeniably enough, taken below average, others have been pushed to record peaks. Taken as a whole the year has produced one of the bumper harvests of all time. Thanks to this the country's farmers will enter 1945 with ample food for ourselves and a generous surplus to share with the war-devastated nations.

TOO MANY DISSENTS
From Winchester Star

From the opening address of President David A. Simmons delivered before the American Bar Association at its annual meeting at Cincinnati, it is plain that many lawyers have been watching the United States Supreme Court with troubled eyes. They are wondering what will happen to the legal foundations of the country if the court continues on its present course.

Mr. Simmons cited figures to show that the court as it now exists has apparently lost sight of its duty to determine what the law is and then apply it to the case under review regardless of the consequences. He charged that the members of the court have allowed the internal political, social, and economic theories to influence their attitudes.

During his 27 years on the court, Chief Justice Edward Douglas White wrote over 100 majority opinions, 10 concurring opinions, and only 20 dissents. Mr. Simmons pointed out. Thus he found it necessary to dissent in only 5 per cent of the cases that came before him.

Today, Mr. Simmons went on, the law is no longer "in this happy situation." During 1943 there were dissents in 41 per cent of the cases heard, he recalled, and in 1944 the figure rose to 63 per cent.

GERMAN MILITARISM AND THE JUNKER SYSTEM
From Baltimore Sun

It would be oversimplification to attribute Germany's position for war solely to the Prussian Junkers. Her geographical position in the center of Europe, her industrial and commercial interests, economic problems and imperial ambitions are some of the other contributing factors that must be noted.

However, this much may be said, When Germany elected to solve her problems by war, she knew she had in the Junkers a potent weapon already forged. As the Junkers for centuries have been famous for making watches, the Junkers for making cheese and the French for making wine, so the Junkers have been famous for making war.

Down through the ages, men and women, too, have sought means of rolling back the years. In the case of the Junkers, the thing called youth, but no one has found a way of keeping it at a place so long associated with the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

GOODBYE POPCRACKER
From Hanover Times-Herald

When Judge Leon M. Baile signed an executive order banning the sale of popcrackers and other fireworks in Hanover County, he plugged the last link in this tradition for the area. The sale of fireworks has already been banned in the towns of Ashland, the city of Richmond and in the counties of Henrico and Chesterfield. Now the highway merchants who used to display their wares just over the line in Hanover will not be with us this Christmas.

We could get very sentimental about the question of the right of a popcracker, if we wanted to. All of us will remember the days of our youth when our country which delayed planting and destroyed some crops. Shortages of labor, machinery and supplies, plagued agriculture all through the year. Heavy rains delayed the fields in the fall during the summer months and unseasonably early frosts this fall, and shortages of labor and machinery added to the farmer's difficulties.

There was another side to the story, too, that we are all too likely to forget. The day after popcracker celebration, found all too many burned and shattered homes, and unfortunately there were too many serious casualties and even fatalities from tetanus and explosion. Newspapers of the day reported on the loss of life and property. But then, reckoned with the high level of living, rockets and candles making the night into day. It was all good clean fun and nobody except a few nervous old men and the town's dogs and horses seemed to mind.

CUT LOW STUMPS
The State Forester has called the attention of timberland owners in Virginia to the waste of quality wood volume resulting from the cutting of high stumps, whether the product be veneer or saw logs, pulpwood or any other product. The best of the wood in a tree is in the lower part of the trunk, and thousands of board feet annually are wasted by cutting two or three feet of wood instead of cutting the trees off as near the ground level as possible.

Cutting low stumps, the State forester pointed out, costs little extra labor but increases the extra labor cost of the wood volume from the tree cut, and results in a higher percentage of lumber of the better grade. At the present high prices for the return in dollars and cents from the harvested material may be materially increased by attention to this detail.

Government makes profit on surplus food sale.
Rise in prices engenders currency of Hungary.
Listed 50 German plants are listed for sale.
Molens win new seats in election in India.
Four Powers to save voice in peace of Japan.

IMPROVED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
By HAROLD L. LINDQUIST, D.D.
Of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago
Published by Western Christian Union

Lesson for January 6
Lesson Subjects and Scripture texts:
Genesis 1:1-5; 2:1-4; 3:1-7; 12:1-4; 13:1-4; 14:1-4; 15:1-4; 16:1-4; 17:1-4; 18:1-4; 19:1-4; 20:1-4; 21:1-4; 22:1-4; 23:1-4; 24:1-4; 25:1-4; 26:1-4; 27:1-4; 28:1-4; 29:1-4; 30:1-4; 31:1-4; 32:1-4; 33:1-4; 34:1-4; 35:1-4; 36:1-4; 37:1-4; 38:1-4; 39:1-4; 40:1-4; 41:1-4; 42:1-4; 43:1-4; 44:1-4; 45:1-4; 46:1-4; 47:1-4; 48:1-4; 49:1-4; 50:1-4; 51:1-4; 52:1-4; 53:1-4; 54:1-4; 55:1-4; 56:1-4; 57:1-4; 58:1-4; 59:1-4; 60:1-4; 61:1-4; 62:1-4; 63:1-4; 64:1-4; 65:1-4; 66:1-4; 67:1-4; 68:1-4; 69:1-4; 70:1-4; 71:1-4; 72:1-4; 73:1-4; 74:1-4; 75:1-4; 76:1-4; 77:1-4; 78:1-4; 79:1-4; 80:1-4; 81:1-4; 82:1-4; 83:1-4; 84:1-4; 85:1-4; 86:1-4; 87:1-4; 88:1-4; 89:1-4; 90:1-4; 91:1-4; 92:1-4; 93:1-4; 94:1-4; 95:1-4; 96:1-4; 97:1-4; 98:1-4; 99:1-4; 100:1-4.

A PEOPLE OPPRESSED
Lesson Text: Exodus 1:1-11; 2:1-22; 3:1-10; 4:1-17; 5:1-23; 6:1-12; 7:1-13; 8:1-15; 9:1-18; 10:1-20; 11:1-3; 12:1-14; 13:1-16; 14:1-15; 15:1-18; 16:1-18; 17:1-16; 18:1-27; 19:1-20; 20:1-17; 21:1-17; 22:1-17; 23:1-17; 24:1-18; 25:1-18; 26:1-18; 27:1-18; 28:1-18; 29:1-18; 30:1-18; 31:1-18; 32:1-18; 33:1-18; 34:1-18; 35:1-18; 36:1-18; 37:1-18; 38:1-18; 39:1-18; 40:1-18; 41:1-18; 42:1-18; 43:1-18; 44:1-18; 45:1-18; 46:1-18; 47:1-18; 48:1-18; 49:1-18; 50:1-18; 51:1-18; 52:1-18; 53:1-18; 54:1-18; 55:1-18; 56:1-18; 57:1-18; 58:1-18; 59:1-18; 60:1-18; 61:1-18; 62:1-18; 63:1-18; 64:1-18; 65:1-18; 66:1-18; 67:1-18; 68:1-18; 69:1-18; 70:1-18; 71:1-18; 72:1-18; 73:1-18; 74:1-18; 75:1-18; 76:1-18; 77:1-18; 78:1-18; 79:1-18; 80:1-18; 81:1-18; 82:1-18; 83:1-18; 84:1-18; 85:1-18; 86:1-18; 87:1-18; 88:1-18; 89:1-18; 90:1-18; 91:1-18; 92:1-18; 93:1-18; 94:1-18; 95:1-18; 96:1-18; 97:1-18; 98:1-18; 99:1-18; 100:1-18.

"GAY GADGETS"
By NANCY PEPPER
Tidy Tricks

No, this column isn't all stuff and nonsense. Every once in a while we get positively uplifting. Your mother will approve of these tidy tricks, so be sure to tell her that you got them from "Gay Gadgets."

HEALTH RESOLUTIONS
For many persons, January is a time for resolutions affecting personal conduct. Human nature is such that it is strictly up to the individual to keep them. The family of Jacob, as the Bible calls them, the children of Israel, also has had its share of resolutions, namely, that they should be a people of peace.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
We sincerely wish to thank our many friends and customers for the past year's patronage during the past year, and assure each of them that we shall endeavor to merit their continued patronage in the future.

NOTICE
A representative of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Virginia, is now in the Commonwealth of Virginia, collecting information for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Virginia, for the purpose of determining the needs of the community for currency and credit.

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For Sale: A ladies red coat, size 12, \$1.00. Mrs. J. H. Luraco.

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